

REMARKS

Claim 34 has been canceled. Claims 33 and 39 have been amended, claims 42-43 have been added. As a result, claims 22-33 and 35-42 are pending.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Alternatively, Applicant elects group I (Claims 22-32), with traverse.

The present application includes linking claims. See MPEP 809.03. Specifically, Group II's claims 33 and 35 should be examined with the Group I method claims 22-32 as these group's of claims are properly linked. Moreover, new claim 42 further links claims 22-32 to claims 33 and 35. Group I and II are both linked to Group III through at least new claim 42. Group IV's claim 39 is linked to the other Groups through the means for detecting feature. Examination of all pending claims is believed to be required as all pending claims are linked together.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 349-9587) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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